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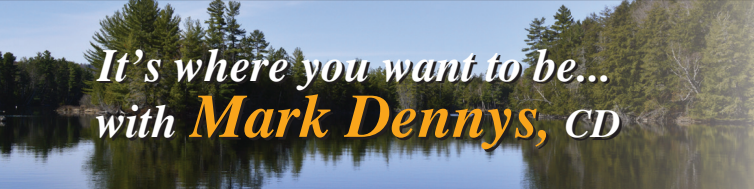
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Harcourt welcomes new community centre



From left, Cindy Baumhour, Murray Fearrey, Ross Covert and Tammy Donaldson cut the ribbon officially opening the Harcourt Community Centre. The building replaces the old community centre, which was lost in a fire in November of 2015. /JENN WATT Staff

JENN WATT
Editor

It took more than two years to replace the Harcourt Community Centre, which burned down at the end of November of 2015.

Many in the wider Highlands community first found out about the blaze from photos taken by Dysart et al Councillor Tammy Donaldson, who posted them to Facebook.

On Saturday, Donaldson gave a speech at the podium of the new community centre.

"From the ashes of the old community centre – from which most of you here today have memories from the old community centre – [comes] this state-of-the-art facility I'm sure you're all excited to make new memories in," she said at the grand opening of the new facility.

"The community centre was built for the people and I encourage everybody to be active, participate and enjoy," she said.

Chairman of the Harcourt Community Centre Ross Covert opened the ceremony and thanked the long list of people who worked on getting the building done.

Several organizers alluded to frustrations along the way in getting the community centre rebuilt, however, on Saturday everyone was in a jovial spirit as lunch and cake was served in the new 4,000-square-foot space, which includes a large hall, kitchen, room for a stage, washrooms and storage space.

Insurance provided about \$800,000 for the replacement of the building, said Dysart et al Mayor Murray Fearrey.

The building ended up costing more than \$1 million, he said.

Fundraising in the community and money from the municipality made up the difference.

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New competition for top job on Dysart council

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Current Deputy Mayor Andrea Roberts is entering what is now a race to become Dysart et al's next mayor. Roberts filed her nomination papers on May 17, preparing to run against current longtime Mayor Murray Fearrey, for council's top spot.

"I would like to see some changes in

that position," said Roberts. "It's a natural progression. I still want to be on council, and I'm ready to take the head of the table and show leadership in a new way, in a fresh way."

Roberts began her political career in 2006 as Ward 1 councillor, a position she held for two terms until she ran for deputy reeve in 2014. She said she wanted a better understanding then of the added responsibility of the county-level positions, and wanted more experience at the

county table prior to running as mayor.

"I said quite clearly even in that campaign that I was running in anticipation that if I felt confident in the role and if I had something to offer then I would consider running as mayor," said Roberts.

Roberts noted that she has long been involved in the community, as a church member and board member prior to her political work.



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Above, the side entrance of the new Harcourt Community Centre opens out to the children's playground. Top left, dozens of people arrived at the new Harcourt Community Centre on Saturday, May 19, for the grand opening of the building, which replaces the one destroyed by fire in late 2015. /JENN WATT Staff
Left, following speeches, local musicians got up in front of the crowd to play some music as everyone ate, socialized and enjoyed the new space.

New space 'speaks to the heart of the Harcourt community'

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As guests came into the new Harcourt Community Centre, they could peruse the history book, *Harcourt's Sons and Daughters: Village of Harcourt EST. 1903*, written by Valerie Smith. In it, details of the founding of the first community centre, built in 1960.

"Under the leadership and guidance of the hall board members such as Waulzie Gerow, Louis Roderick, Harold Schickler, Harcourt Pacey, Ernie Warren and Murray Scott, the hall was soon completed by June 19, 1960," the passage reads.

The cost for the community centre back then was \$9,751.80, built on land purchased from Ruth Scott and Wallace Scott.

The first dance was held in August of 1960 for Harold Schickler's wedding.

The first dance held in the new community centre was Saturday, May 19, in celebration of new beginnings.

"This beautiful building, I have to say you've got the most modern commercial kitchen in the county. ... I think you're going to turn some great stuff out of there," Fearrey said in his address to the crowd.

Organizers anticipate weddings, community dances, funerals, private events as well as bingo, euchre and sewing to return to the centre, now that it's open again.

There are still things to be done. A sign needs to be mounted, the stage has not yet been installed. The ladies' auxiliary was holding a raffle on Saturday to raise money for small kitchen items they still need – things like blenders, said Joan Clark, of the Harcourt Ladies' Auxiliary.

"When you go to cook a meal, you need a lot of stuff and those are the things we don't have," she said.

Connie Rees, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, said that over the last two years, regular events such as bingo and euchre were relocated to facilities in Wilberforce and Highland Grove.

"We're hoping it's used a lot more now," she said of



Harcourt Community Centre chairman Ross Covert asked those who helped make the new centre a reality to stand at the front of the room to be recognized at the grand opening event on Saturday. /JENN WATT Staff

the new centre.

MP Jamie Schmale and MPP Laurie Scott both attended the grand opening ceremony and remarked on the strength of small communities to get things done.

"Look what you have all done. ... The ladies [auxiliary], the community: you've fundraised, you've persevered and it truly speaks to the heart of the Harcourt community," Scott said.

"You guys did it."

Schmale echoed those sentiments.

"This shows the spirit that small towns have," he said. "They see an issue that needs to be tackled they roll up their sleeves and they get the job done. And that's exactly what each and every one of you have done in Harcourt here today with this amazing building."



Local politicians arrived at the Harcourt Community Centre to celebrate the new building's grand opening on Saturday, May 19, 2018. From left, Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Andrea Roberts, Mayor Murray Fearrey, Councillor Tammy Donaldson, MP Jamie Schmale, MPP Laurie Scott and Councillor Dennis Casey. /JENN WATT Staff

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Ward 5 seat now contested in Dysart et al

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"Taking the mayors position is cranking it up a notch from what I'm doing," she said. "But I'm a pretty energetic person for those who know me. I actually function better when I'm busy and have a lot going on."

Roberts said she and Fearrey had "good conversations" prior to nominations opening, and that Fearrey had expressed his intent to run.

"My attitude right now is that I'm not running against Murray, I'm running because I want the job," she said.

Fearrey was first elected to Dysart council in 1971. He filed his nomination for mayor this year on May 3, though in the past he said he would not run for re-election.

"I know that I indicated that this term would be my last one," wrote Fearrey in a press release.

"However during this term there have been a number of very positive initiatives undertaken within the municipality that were under my guidance. They will be coming to fruition over the next few years and they will have a definite beneficial effect on the whole of the township. It would be remiss of me not to follow these through to their completion."

Patrick Kennedy has filed to run as deputy mayor.

A race for Ward 5 councillor is also underway between Councillor Walt McKechnie, who has filed papers to reclaim his position, and Glenn Scott.

In Ward 1, Councillor Nancy Wood-Roberts has filed papers to reclaim her position.

David McKay has filed papers to run as councillor in Ward 2.

Aaron Walker has filed papers to run as councillor in Ward 4.

At press time, in Highlands East, Ward 3 Councillor Cec Ryall had filed papers to reclaim his position.

The deadline to file as a candidate for October's municipal elections is Friday, July 27 at 2 p.m.

Election day will be held on Oct. 22. Unofficial lists of candidates are being updated daily in election sections of municipal websites.



Budding filmmakers from the Haliburton Home-school group hold up their certificates from the Toronto International Film Festival's Jump Cuts Young Filmmaker Showcase. Their short film, *Ed and Ted*, was one of 25 selected. /JENN WATT Staff

Home-school students' film featured at TIFF

JENN WATT

Editor

Out of the hundreds of films submitted to Toronto International Film Festival's Jump Cuts Young Filmmaker Showcase, the piece created by Haliburton Home-school's group of budding filmmakers made the top 25.

Invited to present their creation, called *Ed and Ted*, the young students made their way to Toronto the weekend of May 12 to join other Grade 4 to 8 students in the festival.

To celebrate their success, the students met with their instructor Tammy Rea at The Gathering Place at Abbey Gardens to screen the piece and reminisce about the experience.

As containers of watermelon and orange slices circulated the room, two of the students – Olivia Humphries and Lilian Ramsdale – talked about the process

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It was a good story and I know that TIFF likes stories.

— Tammy Rea
Sticks and Stones Productions

of making the film and presenting it.

They worked on *Ed and Ted: A Snow Story* every Wednesday morning for eight sessions through the winter. Rea said they came up with the story in the first session and after that it was a matter of organizing the various shots, finding the right

supplies and co-ordinating a trip to Canadian Tire, where part of it was filmed.

"The creativity in this group is off the charts," Rea said.

The story of *Ed and Ted* is described this way on the TIFF Jump Cuts website: "The snowboy feels lonely and makes a snowpet, but when spring arrives, he must find a way to stay friends forever."

Four of the students created original compositions for the film.

Rea said the storyline gave *Ed and Ted* an edge at the film festival.

"It was a good story and I know that TIFF likes stories. I thought if they could make it well, have it well done, that it would be worth sending. It was always our goal," Rea said.

The students are already working on their next piece, this one about a pinecone and a stone working to save the forest from a feller buncher, which is a machine that cuts down trees.

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Retreat centre offering tranquility in a time of need

JENN WATT

Editor

The Abbey Retreat Centre is shimmering with possibility on Wednesday afternoon, the day of its grand opening.

An hour before the event, the large home overlooking green forested hills and a wide pond already has half a dozen people inside, moving this way and that. They're putting the finishing touches on the product of several large donations and grants and two years' of effort.

"Welcome to the ARC!" says John Patterson, dressed in a suit, as an unexpected reporter arrives early.

Someone quips that perhaps if this is the ARC, John would be Noah.

The Abbey Retreat Centre, now open and operational, came first from the lived experiences of John and Thea Patterson, following John's cancer diagnosis 10 years ago and subsequent treatment and recovery.

As Thea would later tell the large crowd that gathered to launch the retreat centre, it was their trip to another cancer retreat in Seattle that would inspire what has now come to pass.

"We had the most marvellous experience meeting other people, having conversations and just feeling the energy that comes from that kind of a group," she said.

In its current form, the Abbey Retreat Centre offers retreats over four days, Thursday through Sunday, for people with cancer and their caregiver/primary supporter.

The space is fresh and clean, with modifications that take it from the home that it once was to a fully functioning space for between 10 to 12 participants. There are spacious bedrooms, comfortable gathering spaces, private counselling rooms and an expansive balcony. The home was once owned by Larry and Betty Hewitt and sits well past the other buildings on the Abbey Gardens property in a space that is quiet and private.

During the last year, organizers have been running pilot projects and in May hosted their first full retreat.

Retreat centre board chair Joy Davey said it was fulfilling to meet with the first participants in the program and see that the intentions of the centre were being realized.

"They would say, 'this is such a peaceful place,' which is exactly what we'd hoped would happen. It's not only creating a retreat process, but it's also having a whole environment that holds people and that allows them to relax. Allows them to let go of the things they're worrying about," she said.

Aside from creating a tranquil space, the retreat also provides tools to help participants lessen their stress, with activities such as meditation and yoga.

Davey is clear that ARC is a space of acceptance and is not ascribing to a specific medical course of treatment for anyone.

"It's about ... certainly affirming people's choices because we're not in a place to advise. That's not our mandate at all. That would be way outside of what we're



At the chime of the gong, sounded by Lawrence Stibbards, the ceremonial ribbon was cut at the Abbey Retreat Centre on the Abbey Gardens property Wednesday, May 16. From left, MP Jamie Schmale, ARC board member Sheila-Mae Young, board member Thea Patterson, board chair Joy Davey, Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine president and CEO Bob Bernhardt and Dysart et al Mayor Murray Fearrey. /JENN WATT Staff

charged with doing," she said.

However, she said there is interest in studying the benefits of retreats for those with cancer and their caregivers.

The Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine has had a close working relationship with Abbey Retreat Centre.

"They have a particular interest in doing the kinds of retreats that we're doing," Davey said, "but to have a whole research arm, because what they want to do is they want to be able to demonstrate scientifically that the retreat work is effective in helping people and in lowering levels of the main indicators, which are depression, anxiety, sleeplessness, nausea, isolation. Their hope is to be able to do a scientific evaluation of the retreat work and a follow up so that it can be published."

Bob Bernhardt, president and CEO of the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine, attended the grand opening and confirmed the desire to better document what medical benefits could come from retreats specifically geared to those with cancer.

"Yes, there is research about many of these complementary therapies that are being employed, but there's not enough research yet and it's not disseminated enough. Many oncologists are quite unaware of what's possible," Bernhardt said.



Joy Davey, board chair, and John Patterson, Abbey Gardens founder, talk following speeches at the grand opening of Abbey Retreat Centre for people living with cancer and those who support them. /JENN WATT Staff

Although there are many retreats throughout Canada, organizers know of only one other that is specifically designed to support people with cancer.

"There's one that is a group in Vancouver and as far as we've been able to determine from the investigation we've done, that's it for Canada," Davey said.

It has taken plenty of effort, and money, to get the ARC to where it is now. It has its own independent board and leases its space from Abbey Gardens.

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Retreat resonates with gong maker

Ray Dillard was snowshoeing at Abbey Gardens when he first heard about the Abbey Retreat Centre from Heather Reid, operations director of Abbey Gardens. He knew instantly that he wanted to help.

"I dreamt up a permanent gong installation as a donation," he said.

Dillard works in creative development for Dream Cymbals and Gongs, a Toronto-based company.

His vision is to have gongs mounted outside, in a forested area beside the retreat centre. Protected by a canvas sail to keep the majority of the snow off the gongs, it would be a permanent, large scale installation.

In the meantime, he's delivered a set of gongs, which are being housed in a small building near the retreat.

The gongs have been tuned to the pentatonic scale and come with a variety of mallets that make each one sound a little different.

They've been adjusted to "ring like they like each other," which means no matter how you play them they create a peaceful, warm sound that reverberates through the air.

Dream Cymbals and Gongs has about 22 employees, Dillard said, and all of them are musicians.

"It's very therapeutic with the sound of nature surrounding you here," he said.



Ray Dillard of Dream Cymbals and Gongs, plays the gongs set up at Abbey Gardens. Dream Cymbals and Gongs has offered to donate, install and service gongs outside in the forested area beside Abbey Retreat Centre. For now, the gongs are inside a small building at the edge of the forest. /JENN WATT Staff



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The Abbey Retreat Centre was created in the former home of Betty and Larry Hewitt. It overlooks a pond and forested area.

Retreat provided for free to participants

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It's also been the recipient of large grants from Haliburton County Development Corporation, Rural Economic Development fund, Sick Kids Foundation, United Church of Canada and several private donations, including from the Pattersons.

There is no cost to those who attend the retreat, so it is essential that donations come in to support the work.

"One of the things that's been really important for us from the beginning is that we be able to offer these experiences to people at no charge to participants. One of the realities for people who are living with cancer is that often they have a lot more expenses that they're facing and it sometimes means that one of the breadwinners in the family can't work any longer. So, we don't want to not allow people to come because of financial reasons and we don't want to put any additional financial stress on them. That's the last thing they need at that point," Davey said.

As the afternoon of the grand opening progresses, the building starts to fill. Waves of well wishers arrive and take tours of the space.

Fay Wilkinson of Visible Voices Open Arts Studio has set up an art station in the basement den, with wide windows overlooking the water. She and a few other women sit and make colourful creations with pastels.

The guests remark at the quality flooring, the muted hue of the bedspreads, the solidness of the furniture.

Upstairs, the food is being rolled out by Rhubarb restaurant and the main living room is bustling. MP Jamie Schmale joins a tour with Dysart et al Mayor Murray Fearrey. Schmale later tells the audience the space is



Abbey Retreat Centre includes bedrooms for guests as well as private meeting rooms, large group activity rooms and plenty of places to be quiet and reflect. Currently, retreats run from Thursdays to Sundays and include 10 guests.

"simply amazing." Fearrey offers his congratulations and says he's had a front-row seat to ARC's progress, as his partner Donna McCallum is the executive director.

As visitors begin to tuck into their hors d'oeuvres, the sound of the gong rings out and everyone takes a seat or finds a space to stand and listen to the opening remarks.

Davey tells the group about the centre and why it's important.

"We know that one in two people in Canada will receive a cancer diagnosis in their lifetime," Davey says.

"The impetus of Abbey Retreat Centre is we want to stand together. We must stand together in this."

Upcoming jazz performance to feature Haliburton's Joe Ferracuti

JENN WATT

Editor

Joe Ferracuti is uncomfortable labelling the music of his jazz band, B's Bees, which is set to play in Haliburton on Tuesday, May 29. He calls it modern and original.

"I feel like labels can be constricting because someone might have an idea, 'I do like this type of music' or 'I don't like this type of music,'" but when they go to see a band, they find those assumptions weren't correct at all.

The jazz pianist met the other musicians in B's Bees when he was studying jazz performance at Concordia University, where he went in 2010 following his graduation from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

"Since then I've been playing and working in Montreal and learning music and playing around town," he said in a phone interview from "somewhere near Baltimore" as he tours with the group.

He doesn't like to label the jazz he plays, but said when you listen to this genre of music, it's how it affects you as an audience member that matters.

"You're listening first and foremost for the feeling, you know. I think that's always the most important thing in

music is the way it makes you feel," Ferracuti said.

B's Bees is touring to promote their most recent album, *Kanata*, which features three songs written by Ferracuti.

He explained that because jazz includes improvisation, there are elements that change each time the song is performed, which is one of the features of the genre fans especially enjoy.

"Generally, in this type of music, the idea is composition will have a mix of written parts and improvised parts," he said.

Local music lovers will likely remember Ferracuti from his time with the Red Hawk Jazz Combo, under the tutelage of now-retired HHSS teacher Tom Regina. He also studied with piano teacher Lauren McInnes.

Kanata is the second album for the group this year. Their first was a tribute album called *Dear Charlie*, to Charlie Haden. Released in January, it reached number four on the iTunes Canada jazz charts.

B's Bees will be performing at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Tuesday, May 29 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. – the last stop on their Canada/U.S. tour.

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While incumbent Laurie Scott of the Progressive Conservatives is well known in the riding having been first elected in 2003, the other four are relatively unknown, even at this late stage.

As a refresher, our candidates are Brooklynne Cramp-Waldinsperger for Liberals, Zac Miller for NDP, Gene Balfour running under the Libertarian banner and Chuck MacMillan for the Consensus Ontario party.

For many, this will likely be the first opportunity to meet these candidates, most of whom were recently selected by their parties to run (with the exception of Balfour).

And while the all-candidates meeting is certainly the perfect place to meet candidates and hear what they have to say, the other major benefit of these meetings is to put your own concerns on the agenda.

Elections are frequently framed as a time to find out about what a candidate can offer a voter, the riding or the province. But just as important, it is a time when voters are given a chance to speak to all of the parties about issues that matter to them.

On Monday, all candidates for the job of MPP will be sitting at one table together. Their task will be to deliver their message, challenge each other and – the important part – lis-

ten to the concerns of the constituents.

Party policy is set outside of Haliburton. This, of course, makes sense. Parties hire researchers and polling companies to pare down data to the essential points that will best serve their voters and their overall philosophy. And this is what they serve up to the electorate in hopes of gaining seats and power in the legislature.

But it's not just these policy points that MPPs will be representing. They will also be representing their constituency at Queen's Park and they

will often be on the front lines in the riding when something goes awry. We've seen this over the years, from fighting for disaster relief for Minden following the floods to working to change the boundaries of our regional tourism organization when the riding was bizarrely split in two (briefly) for promotional purposes in 2010.

Our candidates certainly know about

macro issues like debt repayment, health-care spending and hydro rates. But they might not know that you're worried about the water quality of your lake, or that you can't find a local doctor, or that without public transit you can't reliably make it to work every day.

Elections are the best times to get these messages through. Take time to learn about your choices this election, but also take the opportunity to tell the candidates what you need. They will, after all, be representing you.

The all-candidates meeting is at Pinestone Resort on Monday, May 28 at 7 p.m.

Election Day is Thursday, June 7.



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Editorial

Evolving

I THINK MY FAMILY'S invitation to the royal wedding must have gotten lost in the mail. We have so many connections to them. My mother was raised in Madencroft Manor, which was built in the 14th century and among other things was Henry VIII's hunting lodge and grounds for a period of time.

Located in Gosmore (north of London), this incredibly beautiful building is now an outdoor education centre for children in England.

My grandfather farmed Madencroft Manor for more than 40 years. My mother has lots of stories about living there and she talks about how cool and drafty the building was because it was heated by fireplaces and she also talks about what it was like to have people live with them during the bombing of London.

My Uncle Arthur was given two awards from the Queen herself. He was given the Member of the British Empire for his bravery in the Second World War. He was also presented with the Military Cross for his excellent organizing of sailing in the 1972 summer Olympics in Germany.

In 2016, the Queen recognized leading entrepreneurs in the United Kingdom and my cousin, Phillip Shadbolt, attended a special ceremony to celebrate his work in environmental lighting (which is used in Buckingham Palace).

And now there is a yoga teacher in the royal family. It is a family that is evolving.

My parents came from England in 1958 and my sister and I grew up with an awareness of the royal family throughout our childhood.

It always seemed magical, mysti-

cal and extravagant. So, of course we got up to watch the wedding of Harry and Meghan on Saturday morning. We watched Charles and Diana get married, and Kate and William.

I loved it when Peter Mansbridge was interviewed at the wedding and said that people can say whatever they want about all of the extravagance of this wedding, in the end the day was about two people in love and we need these positive stories to focus on every once in a while.

The country comes together over events like this, or the Olympics or the Stanley Cup.

There were many beautiful moments in the ceremony and I personally loved when Michael Curry, the U.S. bishop, spoke passionately about the power of love and he quoted Martin Luther King as well as the Bible and others.

"When love is the way, poverty will become history. When love is the way, the Earth will be a

sanctuary."

I was also really in awe of Prince Phillip who walked into the church after having had hip surgery about six weeks ago.

It was very inspiring for me because I work with many students who are recovering from injuries or illness and I always say "whatever is going on is part of the practice and we work quietly and respectfully with our bodies to recover and get strong."

If a 96-year-old can recover and walk again, we all can.

My own dad broke his hip 1.5 years ago at the age of 88 and his determination has gotten him better.

The British are tough and they just keep carrying on. It's a good lesson to pay attention to.



Going to Pine Lake

by Darren Lum

Tales from
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points of view

Yanny or Laurel?

WHEN THE HISTORIANS of the future try to determine why our civilization finally collapsed, I believe they might be able to trace it back to this ridiculous Yanny or Laurel debate.

If you don't know what I'm talking about, you should probably rejoice, for you have not had valuable minutes of your life stolen away – until now.

Let me explain.

This whole brouhaha started after a recent internet video clip went viral. It did so because a disembodied voice asked the listener what they thought they heard after a simple word was repeated in a monotonous computery tone.

Viewers were asked whether they heard the word as Yanny or Laurel.

I'm not going to weigh in on one side or the other. Instead, I'll just report the story in an impartial, journalistic fashion. So to recap, some people insisted they heard Yanny. Others, far less astute, heard Laurel.

The issue is both types of people – those who are blessed with the gift of exquisite hearing and those others whose vivid imaginations caused them to hear Laurel – are not actually wrong about what they heard.

Unless, they heard the word Laurel, obviously.

Make no mistake; this is one of the greatest internet debates since the one when people argued for and against placing a life jacket on the water skiing squirrel.

People are drawing sides. It's getting ugly. Political parties might be formed.

I suspect the evil geniuses who created this experiment knew this would happen before they unleashed it on an unsuspecting world.

Which is why the creators of the experiment actually suggest the correct answer is Laurel – those wily jerks.

They know this false information will cause lives to be disrupted, arguments to break out in meditation classes and all round pandemonium – just when things were moving along so smoothly, too.

I, for one, will not fall victim to this. For I know there will always be a few people who will, through no fault of their own, hear the word Laurel.

So let me just say once and for all: it really doesn't matter whether you hear Yanny (which is – open your ears! – clearly the correct choice) or Laurel (a preposterous sound heard only by the same people who believe in unicorns, Kellyanne Conway and Bigfoot). All that matters is we all agree to never elect those who heard Laurel to positions of great power. They cannot be trusted.

Look, unlike others – particularly, the Godless Laurelites – I do not plan on giving this debate too much significance. This is clearly not worth fighting for. (If we did, however, we'd probably want to include the word Yanny somewhere on our most righteous flag.)

I mean, is it really a surprise people hear things differently when confronted with a magnificent and complex, multi-syllable word such as Yanny? (And before you suggest that Laurel is also a multi-syllable word, listen closely when a real local says it.)

The point is people hear different things all the time. For instance, I remember when I was a kid, my mother would say "Mow the lawn!" and, don't ask me how, but I heard, "Why don't you sneak off into the woods and go play with a slingshot?"

Who can say which interpretation was truly correct?

It was not nearly as cut and dry as this Yanny versus Make-up-some-mumbo-jumbo word thing, but you get the idea.

Luckily, we live in a liberal society where we can be inclusive of all levels of hearing, from those who correctly heard the word Yanny to those who are probably having that word distorted because somehow a family of snails crawled inside their inner ear.

It truly doesn't matter what you heard. All that matters is that you don't mention that you heard Laurel in polite company.

I don't think there is anything else left to say on this subject. That's good because I've got an exciting day ahead of me.

Jenn asked me to sneak off into the woods and play with a slingshot.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

This week's pic of the past is from 1939 or 1940. Joe Robertson stands in front of his Ingoldsby store, which was first built as a highway camp for the Depression's road building work projects. The sign at the left of the picture reads, "There's a lot of scandal power under a bridge lamp." At that time, the bridge was not yet built and travellers had to pass through the shallow area that joins Lake Kashagawigamog to Canning Lake. The original caption with the photo does not give an explanation for the sign.

Summer reporter has roots in the Highlands

OLIVIA ROBINSON

Staff Reporter

My parents fell in love with the Haliburton Highlands over 30 years ago when they bought a cottage in Minden. Since then, I've been extremely lucky to spend most summers dockside and I jump at any chance to duck up to the cottage. And now, I'm grateful to be reporting for the *Minden Times* and *Haliburton Echo* until the end of June.

A little bit about me: I graduated from Queen's University with a bachelor's degree in English. In 2012, I travelled across the pond for a Master of Arts degree in Writing for Children at the University of Winchester. My thesis tackled the challenges of writing Canadian historical fiction for middle-grade audiences.

Then, after four years of working in the book publishing industry, I found myself craving new challenges and pivoted to a career in journalism. This September, I'll start my second and final year of the Master of Journalism degree program at Carleton University. I have a penchant for reporting and writing on social issues affecting children, feminism, municipal politics and public libraries – the last of these topics is the focus of my master's research project. In July, I'll be heading up to the Yukon for one month to take a course about reporting on Indigenous peoples and reconciliation in Canada.



Olivia Robinson is working as a reporter at the *Minden Times* and *Haliburton Echo* until the end of June. Robinson is currently working on her master's degree in journalism at Carleton University. Photo by Natalie McMullen

I'm thrilled to be working with the *Echo* and *Times* team again and to reacquire myself with the community here in the Haliburton Highlands.

Feel free to contact me with stories ideas or to just say hello! You can reach me at olivia@haliburtonpress.com or on Twitter at @oliviaanne.

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Childcare policies vary across platforms

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Staff Reporter

Affordability and access to reliable child care isn't the number one election issue local provincial candidates say they're hearing about from constituents, but it's one parties are all making a priority in their platforms to help families deal with high child care costs and lack of space in licensed programs.

In Ontario, child care fees for kids not yet old enough to attend school are among the highest in the country, with some parents paying up to \$21,000 per year.

Waiting lists can leave parents and caregivers scrambling for alternative care, with space at licensed daycares for just 23 per cent of children, according to Gordon Cleveland, a U of T economist who earlier this year released a 315-page report, *Affordable For All: Making Licensed Child Care Affordable in Ontario* commissioned by the province which detailed affordability of licensed child care.

The Liberals intend to provide fully government-funded child care for preschoolers by 2020.

Licensed child care would be free for preschoolers between the ages of 2.5 to full-day kindergarten starting in 2020.

A provincial wage grid would improve compensation for early childhood educators starting in 2020.

"By investing \$2.2 billion over three years, free child care for preschoolers will save families \$17,000 until they reach full-day kindergarten, which has saved families \$6,500," said HKLB Liberal candidate Brooklynne Cramp-Waldinsperger.

"Every dollar invested in child care translates to a \$2.50 benefit to the Ontario economy because of increases in the working hours and wages of women."

Cramp-Waldinsperger said she's hearing from families that child care is too expensive, and that some families find one parent is putting their career or education on hold to stay at home due to challenges of cost.

She said the Liberal child care program helps close the gender wage gap, and that women will get more control over their return to work.

"Currently, too many families cannot afford to enrol their children in licensed child care in our riding, and across the province," she said.

"Every child deserves the best start to create the brightest future, regardless of their family's household income. We heard this, and acted upon it."

The NDP plan promises to roll out free daycare to families earning less than a \$40,000 household income, and \$12 per day fees for those earning more than \$40,000 by 2021.

"After 15 years of Liberal control, they had the choice to make child care affordable, and instead they

actually made it one of the most expensive in Canada, one of the most expensive provinces to have child care," said Zac Miller, the HKLB NDP candidate.

To meet what Miller said would be a sure increase in demand with the new child care policy in place, the NDP announced 202,000 affordable new child care spaces will be built.

Early childhood educators in non-profit centres would see an immediate increase in wages.

"Andrea Horwath and us New Democrats, we feel that families deserve a lot better," said Miller. "So when we take government, we will start with a provincewide child care plan, starting out with infant and in the second year, moving toward toddlers and in the third year moving toward preschoolers."

Miller said on the campaign trail he's heard more concerns so far about health care and housing, policies and ensuring needs of municipalities are not left behind, but that change is needed.

"We get it, that Ontario has become unaffordable, and we're not going to actually ignore the problems anymore," he said.

"We're going to start addressing them. Affordable child care is a good place to start and begin."

In a press release from Laurie Scott's office dated April 28, the current MPP and HKLB Ontario Progressive Conservative candidate announced a plan to introduce a new child care tax rebate for parents of children under 15 years of age.

"Few decisions are as personal, or important, to parents as the care of their child," said Scott. "A one-size-fits-all approach to child care leaves many families struggling to find affordable services that work for their family's needs. In places like Haliburton County and other rural communities across the province, we need flexibility for child care options."

The PC's plan of an Ontario Childcare Rebate would pay up to 75 per cent of a family's child care expense, with lower income families receiving the most support.

The child care plan covers multiple forms of care.

"Our plan will cover any form of child care that works for individual families and their unique situations," said Scott. "Licensed care, independent care, babysitters, nannies and after-school programs will all be covered. Our plan is modest, responsible and affordable. It covers more kids, and more families. And, most importantly, it respects parents and provides them with the ability to choose the kind of child care that works best for them."

Scott said the issue hasn't come up often in her conversations with constituents, but families are looking for more affordable, flexible options.

"It's not the number one issue you hear, but it is just part of trying to make things more affordable and giving people more money back," said Scott.

Cramp-Waldinsperger said the Conservative's platform will contain billions in planned cuts that will see essential programs put in jeopardy.

"This is irresponsible and will completely disrupt the existing child care system that families rely on and any future plans for free preschool child care," she said.

The provincial election takes place June 7.



Spring serenade

The Highlands Wind Symphony showcased their talents at the group's 19th Annual Spring Concert at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion May 6. The ensemble was conducted by Glen Carter, Dan Manley and Lorie Reddering. / OLIVIA ROBINSON

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Artist explores the beauty in 'the detritus of our everyday lives'

OLIVIA ROBINSON

Staff Reporter

The adage that one person's trash is another person's treasure is an understatement for oil-based painter Andrea Kastner. The Haliburton School of Art + Design's reclaim artist in residence for 2018 is sharing her expertise as an artist whose work underlines the beauty of neglected cityscapes and scenes of refuse.

"I like to look at places that we don't choose to look at first: the backs of houses, the garbage, the little holes and crumbly bits in our everyday life," she said.

When she saw the advertisement for the reclaim artist residency at the Haliburton School of Art + Design, she immediately applied for the position.

"It seemed like a great opportunity to speak with people at the landfill and to be able to talk to them and find out how they work," she said.

Kastner is originally from Montreal, but now resides in Binghamton, New York. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Mount Allison University, and her Master of Fine Arts from the University of Alberta.

Kastner describes several moments that led her to become fascinated with art and refuse. The first moment was when she was at her parents' house and noticed a plastic bag stuffed with other plastic bags. She brought it to art school and began collaging the pieces, sparking an interest in what she calls "the detritus of our everyday lives."

While living in Edmonton, Kastner was struck by the vastness of the prairie-like landscape of the city and the people who inhabited that space. There, she began going through garbage and bringing it back to her studio, curious about what it would tell her.

"I would open up the bags and take out all the objects inside them and lay them out in a grid like an archaeology dig," she said. "I'd try to connect the dots of the people who were living there."

Kastner's work has been described as the "sacred nature of rejected things" – a lesson she aspires to share with the Haliburton community during her residency.

"What I hope that my paintings are able to do – and by visiting the studio – is that people spend a little extra time looking at things they don't normally glance at," she said.

The school's Reclaim Artist in Residence program is the only one of its kind in the province that allows artists to work with a municipal landfill. This year marks the fourth year that the Haliburton School of Art + Design has offered the residency, but it's the first year that a paint-based artist has held the position.

"The importance of the project is to provide education to the public on what's happening in the landfill and the impact that the landfill has in our community," said the



Andrea Kastner is an oil painter who often looks to the aesthetics of the landfill for inspiration. /The Inventory of Dreams; 60" x 84"; oil on canvas; 2014; Andrea Kastner.

school's dean, Sandra Dupret.

"It provides a look through the eyes of the artist," she said of the residency. "Part of the allure of that is you think of the landfill as an icky, yucky place, which it is, but there is a sublime beauty in the way the artist can interpret it."

When the school approached the municipality of Dysart et al about creating the partnership with the landfill, everyone was receptive to the idea and in educating the broader community, said Dupret.

"We're hopeful that people will come up to the campus and people will approach [Kastner] and ask her questions. If they see her in the landfill, ask her what she's doing and why she's doing it."

Connecting with residents is also an important component of her residency, said Kastner, especially in having a dialogue about landfills and refuse in the Haliburton community.

"I hope that when they look at their surroundings that they see it with a slightly different point of view, and that the things they are looking at speak to them a little more and glow a little brighter."

Kastner's residency begins on May 28 for a duration of six weeks. Kastner will have access to a studio on the Haliburton School of Art + Design campus.

She plans to hold a public lecture about her work, but a



Andrea Kastner is the Haliburton School of Art + Design's Reclaim Artist in Residence for 2018. /Photograph by Colin Lyons.

date has not yet been determined. To learn more about Kastner and her work, visit www.andreakastner.net.

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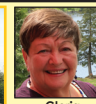
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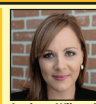
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Senior Hawks finish regular season first

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

A blustery day proved to be a major factor for both sides in a scoreless draw between the visiting Fenelon Falls Falcons and the host Red Hawks senior girls' soccer squad.

First place was on the line for the Hawks, who came into play 2-1-0 against the Falcons looking to reach .500 on Monday, May 14 in Haliburton at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic field.

The strong winds, blowing out to Head Lake proved to give a great assist for both teams, which neither could capitalize on during their halves. With a wind-assisted first half, the Falcons used the advantage to get deep into the Hawks' zone and force the Hawks' goalkeeper to make a couple of strong saves. When the Hawks had the advantage they used it to control the majority of play and had several scoring chances.

Hawks coach Amy Klose agreed the wind was a challenge and was contributor to the slow start.

"The wind was actually a huge factor. We struggled to clear the ball defensively throughout the first half. With the wind advantage we were able to get the ball to our mid-fielders and implement our passing game," Klose said.

In addition to the wind, the Falcons played a style that restricted any offensive flow for the Hawks.

"We've been working on the girls having the confidence to carry the ball in the central zone and through the wings. Now we need to work on finding the precise moment to send the ball to open space," she wrote. "FFSS played the offside well leaving our forwards with very little room to organize themselves. They also had a lot of speed on their defence, which hindered Natalya Gimon who has scored six goals for us this season."

Klose called this a "solid game" for her team, who entered play with two straight wins (6-0 over St. Thomas and 5-2 over Brock).

"We've been working on getting to the ball first in order to capitalize on our passing game. The girls showed improvement in this area. They played a strong, disciplined game," she wrote in an email.

Klose said back-fielder Arden Harrop and goalkeeper Chloe Samson played their best games of the season. She pointed out Samson was nursing a pre-game injury, taping her hand for the game.

The tie put the Hawks in a three-way tie for first place in the Kawartha West division with Lindsay Col-

legiate Vocational Institute and I. E. Weldon Secondary School, who both have a game left to play.

Klose said the Hawks are preparing to play Campbellford to open their playoffs.



At right, Red Hawks forward Jamie Evans, who is an HHSS rookie, but plays in the summer co-ed league, comes up empty, attempting to steal a ball from a Fenelon Falls Falcons defender during Kawartha High School Soccer League action on Monday, May 14 in Haliburton. The scoreless draw with the Falcons secured first place for the Hawks to end the season. They will play Campbellford to open the Kawartha playoffs this week./DARREN LUM Staff



Red Hawks forward Nicole Cox moves a ball during Kawartha High School Soccer League action on Monday, May 14 in Haliburton.

Junior Hawks play well against Falcons

Red Hawks junior player Jessica Byers battles with a Fenelon Falls Falcons player for a loose ball during Kawartha High School Soccer League action on Monday, May 14 in Haliburton. The Hawks played well at home against the league's top-ranked Falcons, who are 3-0-0 (as of Wednesday, May 16) and tied with St. Peter Catholic Secondary School (3-0-0). Despite being winless, Haliburton (an A school) were only edged out 1-nil after regulation time by the AA visiting school, which has the third best point differential (plus seven goals)./DARREN LUM Staff



Red Hawks junior players (in red and white) attempt to steal a ball from a Fenelon Falls Falcons defender.

Lakeside Golf Course tees up for another season with new owners

OLIVIA ROBINSON

Staff Reporter

Duane Adams had eyed the Lakeside Golf Club in West Guilford for ages. For the last three years, when he boated by the course abutting Grass Lake, he often contemplated that he'd like to own it someday. Now, he does.

Adams purchased the nine-hole golf course in August 2017. Once he saw the course listed on MLS, he knew he wanted to buy it.

"I've been coming up here my whole life," said Adams of the area. "We've always had a family cottage in Haliburton."

In 2007, he built his own cottage, with the intention that he'd retire up in the Haliburton Highlands eventually. It was only once he bought Lakeside Golf Club that his dream became a reality.

The club – built in the 1950s, now has close to 50 members. Adams said the majority of these members are locals.

"They're all very nice to us – I've met about half of them."

Adams said the previous owners, Cindy Willing and Earl Cox, helped him "immensely" during the transition. The biggest challenge for him as the new owner was the unpredictable spring weather, but that is a perennial concern for most golf courses.

Adams said he'd like to continue the strong relationship with the Haliburton community now that he's the owner, by doing things like maintaining the course's donation box.

"If every golfer donates a quarter or a dollar – it adds up," he said. The previous owners donated \$800 after the end of last season to the hospital, according to Adams.

He hopes for pleasant weather this spring and summer so that golfers can continue to enjoy a round or two at Lakeside Golf Club.

"We want to attract more members and more golfers. We want to cater to locals and the cottagers."



Tracy Ballennie and Duane Adams are the new owners of the Lakeside Golf Club in West Guilford. The club opened for the golf season on May 12. /JENNY CHATTERTON, Photo submitted.



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Free groceries for surprised shoppers at Haliburton Independent

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton shoppers standing in line at Todd's Your Independent Grocer looked shocked as colourful confetti rained down and they learned their groceries would be free.

Independent owner Steve Todd delivered the news to stunned shoppers on Wednesday, May 16, close to 4:30 p.m.

The surprise customer appreciation event was part of the Loblaws' Market Moments campaign in which randomly selected stores celebrate their shoppers and give away groceries.

Standing outside the entrance to the store with \$200 worth of groceries in the Market Moments bags was West Guilford's Cathy Killoch.

"That was me wooting!" she said, referring to her reaction to Todd's announcement.

This was the second time the Haliburton location was chosen during the five

years Market Moments has been implemented by the grocery chain. Loblaws spokesperson Ben Wylie said more than \$1 million in free groceries has been given over the last five campaigns, according to a story in the Mississauga News.

Killoch is a regular shopper, who usually comes in the morning to shop on the weekends, but chose to come on Wednesday afternoon last week to avoid the long weekend crowd.

Todd said this allows him to give back to his customers.

"Any time you can give them something and make them happy and make them smile is a benefit for everybody," he said.

As far as Todd knows, his was the last store to give away free groceries in the campaign, which took place over an eight week period.

It's not every day something is given away for free.

"Very rarely are things given away for free nowadays with no gimmicks, no catches, nothing attached to it. It's just our gift to them," he said.



Highlands resident Gord Divell finds out his groceries are free on Wednesday, May 16 at Todd's Your Independent Grocer in Haliburton. Divell was one of a group of lucky shoppers who were awarded up to \$250 worth of groceries. This is a surprise customer appreciation event, which is part of the Loblaws Market Moments campaign in which randomly selected stores give away groceries. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Staff Reporter

Chuck MacMillan says the partisan political system fails Ontarians, since MPPs become beholden to the directives of their parties, often forgetting about the priorities of their ridings along the way.

That's why MacMillan, the latest candidate to enter the provincial race in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, is running as a member of Consensus Ontario, a new political party founded in 2016.

The party's main goal is to eliminate all political parties, including itself, and to replace the existing system with one comprised of entirely of independent MPPs.

MacMillan says that party politics prevent elected representatives from truly acting in the best interests of their constituents.

"They get to Queen's Park, and it's a dictatorship," says MacMillan, a Lindsay resident who's a chief custodian with the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board. "There's no room for compromise."

Consensus Ontario, which is running a handful of candidates in the June 7 election, advocates for a consensus-based form to governing, which MacMillan explains would rely on residents of a riding to set the priorities of their independent MPP.

"There will be surveys done in the ridings," he says, adding that surveys would allow constituents to create a list of ways they'd most like to see provincial money spent within their ridings. "What comes out of that survey will be shaped by people in the riding."

Consensus Ontario's platform was also shaped by surveys and the top priorities listed on its website – consensusontario.ca – include removing the party system; introducing a single rate for electricity; reducing emergency room wait times and eliminating doctor and nurse shortages; and a "back-to-basics" school curriculum.

MacMillan explains that making more family doc-

tors available will help to reduce wait times at the province's emergency rooms, and says that one way of addressing the physician shortage is to make it easier for foreign-trained doctors to become accredited to practise in Ontario.

The party's "back-to-basis" educational plan includes an emphasis on mathematics and language, maintaining the importance of legible handwriting, and removing smartphones and other distracting technology from the classroom.

Under the independent representation being proposed by the party, not only would all MPPs sit as independents, but the premier would be chosen by MPPs from amongst themselves, rather than by general election. There would also be a mechanism to allow MPPs to change the premier, should that be the consensus.

"If they're not doing a good job, they can remove them," MacMillan says. Similarly, cabinet ministers would be elected by MPPs, rather than appointed.

"The remaining MPPs now become the opposition, so there's still going to be debates," MacMillan says, "but we stop all this in-house fighting between parties."

On whether such a system would use the existing electoral ridings or require boundaries to be redrawn, "that would be something that would have to be looked at," MacMillan says.

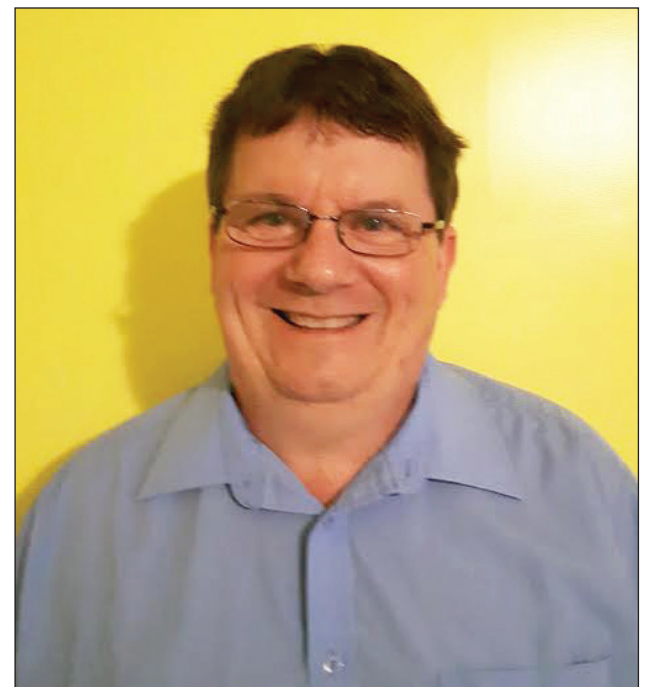
While MPPs would be guided by a list priorities set by their constituents, major decisions – the privatization of Hydro One is an example cited by MacMillan – would be put to referendums.

"I don't think Kathleen Wynne should have made that decision about Hydro One," he says. "Once you start privatizing, you don't have control anymore."

MacMillan says decisions of that magnitude should not be left up to a single party.

"No party should have the right to sell off anything, without going to the public."

On longtime MPP Laurie Scott, who's the PC can-



Chuck MacMillan is the Ontario Consensus candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in the June provincial election. The party is a new one that advocates removing the party system and replacing it with a system of independent MPPs. /Photo submitted

didate, MacMillan says, "Laurie's done a lot of good things in the past. I just find it's time for change."

MacMillan says he's happy to talk to anyone about himself and Consensus Ontario. His email address is chuckm.election2018@gmail.com.

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22. What you owe
23. Button-like ornament
24. Ancient city
26. Trauma center
27. CNN anchor Burnett
28. Enough (archaic)
30. Lebowski's nickname "The _"
31. Printing speed measurement
34. Waterbirds
36. WWI airship
37. Sudden attack
39. Advice
40. Sacs where fungi develop
41. Where instinctive impulses are manifest
42. Schoolhouse implementations
48. Brain parts
50. Borne by or suspended in a liquid
51. Of the desert
52. Starbucks size
53. Ancient Roman garment
54. In a way, set aflame
55. Samarium
56. Heavenly bodies
58. Water in the solid state
59. Exchanged
60. Int'l organization

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4. Spanish be
5. Miami Heat great
6. More slick
7. Turn away
8. Made a second thrust
9. Where injured ball-players end up
12. As quickly as can be done
13. Military disguise
17. _ and Dad
19. Mythological wind (Greek)
20. Slides without control
21. Principle or belief
25. Unusually large
29. Naturally occurring solid material
31. Backsides
32. Large orange-brown butterfly
33. Old Testament prophet
35. Women's apartments in a Muslim palace
38. One who waters down
41. Made a visual representation of
43. Continent
44. Flat pieces of rock
45. Very long period of time
46. Radioactivity units
47. Fields of study
49. Distinctive, pleasant smell
56. The Constitution State (abbr.)
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The Haliburton Highlands Support Group, staff from Dysart et al, and friends pedal the Big Bike down the main street in Haliburton on May 17. The annual fundraiser brought in about \$8,000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Away from home for the June 7, 2018 General Election? You can still vote!

- If you reside in Ontario and will be away on June 7, 2018, you can still vote:
- at your returning office from **May 10 to June 6**;
 - at your returning office from **May 26 to June 6** with assistive voting technology;
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JDHES Jaguars jubilant after nautical test

Eight J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Grade 8 students put their science knowledge to the test at the OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program) Trillium Lakelands District School Board Boat Races on Friday, May 4 at the Bracebridge Muskoka Lakes Secondary School.

The team of Logan Baird, Hunter Winder, Kristina Barry and Ryanne Horsley finished third. Also, JDHES sent the team of Emma Miller, Hannah Lewis, Aiden Hill and Jocelyn Chumbley.

The objective for the two teams of four was to build a cardboard vessel that could race across a pool and sustain a certain level of weight.

This fits in with a lot of the Grade 8 science curriculum regarding density, mass, and buoyancy. Although this was a one-day event, the teams built their boats in two hours.

It was in conjunction with trades training and Ontario skills program and was meant to incorporate experiential and hands on learning into board programming.

The groups were chosen according to a weight challenge and design challenge completed at the school. Only two teams were chosen based on their 1:8 scale of their actual creations.

Submitted by Mike van den Hengel



J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Grade 8 students from left, Logan Baird, Hunter Winder, Kristina Barry and Ryanne Horsley used their science knowledge to win third place at the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program Trillium Lakelands District School Board Boat Races on Friday, May 4 at the Bracebridge Muskoka Lakes Secondary School.

This competition challenged student teams to construct a cardboard boat that would be carry students across a pool during a race. Submitted by Mike van den Hengel



Readying for Romeo and Juliet

Volunteers were hard at work constructing the set for the Highlands Summer Festival's rendition of *Romeo and Juliet* on May 16. The set is moveable, thanks to air casters that allow it to be moved during the production. *Romeo and Juliet* will be on stage at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion from July 2 to 10 (with the exception of July 7), with matinee and evening performances at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. For tickets contact 705-457-9933 or visit www.highlandsummerfestival.on.ca. Photos by Olivia Robinson



UPCOMING
**Community
Events**

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, May 23, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Exploring the Lives of Bats
When: Saturday, May 26 (7 p.m. to 9 p.m.)
Where: Minden Cultural Center
Do you or your children have questions about bats? Come and join the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust for a fun and informative presentation on bats, "Exploring the Lives of Bats".
Our presenter, Brock Fenton, Emeritus Professor of Biology, has been studying bats since he received his Ph.D. in 1969 for work in the ecology and behaviour of bats. He has continued his research with special emphasis on bat echolocation and evolution.
Bring your curiosity and your questions about bats to this presentation. Admission by donation.

Minden Animal Hospital Customer Appreciation Day
When: Saturday, May 26, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
A great way to meet the staff if you are new to the area or just want to visit our facilities. For our valued clients it is a chance for us to thank you for your loyalty.
Refreshments, cake and some events are planned in various rooms of the hospital. Hope to see you here!

The Highlands Chamber Orchestra Presents: "Passages"
When: Saturday May 26 at 7:30 p.m.
Where: The Northern Lights Pavilion
Cost: \$15 for regular tickets, or \$20 for an adult accompanying a child under 16.
Tickets: Pharmasave in Minden, or Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton or from any orchestra member. Reserve by phone: 705-286-0413
Highlighting classical music that takes you on a journey. We'll be playing movements from Pictures at an Exhibition, Buckaroo Holiday, Bach's Little Fugue in G minor, and the American Suite by Dvorak, and many others. This performance features Melissa Stephens on Piano, playing the Tchaikovsky piano concerto in B flat minor.

Haliburton Concert Series: MitBravour Piano Trio
New this year: all concerts begin at 2:30 on Sunday afternoons
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When: Wednesday, May 30, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church, Haliburton
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The Haliburton Highlands Grannies annual Grannies Tea
When: Sunday June 3,
Doors open 1 p.m., tea begins 1:30 p.m.
Where: Stanhope Community Centre, North Shore Rd.
Loonie Auction, Granny Creations Marketplace and Herbs from Abbey Gardens
For Tickets, call: Jacqui Clarkson 754-9851, Gayle Upshall 286-3411



Ready for Craft Brewers Fest
The Lions Club hangs a Craft Brewers Fest banner on the porch of the *Haliburton Echo* office. The first-ever craft beer festival takes place on July 21 at Head Lake Park. /OLIVIA ROBINSON Staff

Remembering ancestors at the Outpost

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Stories and items from the past were generously shared at Bring An Ancestor evening at the Outpost Historic House on Wednesday, May 16. Attendees observed

and learned about the fine stitches in the construction and quilting of a grandmother's Bear's Paw quilt, the wedding ring of a great-grandmother and passed around the little blue granite first teapot of a couple married in 1915.

A very long photo of a contingent of about 300 Canadian soldiers ready to head for Europe was shared by a great-granddaughter. Her ancestor was one of only four of those pictured who were not killed in the 1914-18 World War!

The early life of Fred Agnew, shared by his great granddaughter, surprised some who remembered him as the gentleman who established a general store in Wilberforce. In his early years in Canada, he actually worked in the rough and tumble life of lumber industry. In fact, a broken leg while trying to sort out a log jam ended that work. Railway/train work brought him to this area where he settled permanently.

Thanks to all who shared stories from the past.

A rainy holiday Saturday made yard sales challenging. Still, brave sellers and buyers managed some transactions. And the rain didn't deter hundreds who arrived at summer places from shopping locally. Many were noted enjoying ice cream at Agnew's and likely checking to see how much had changed there over the winter.

Congratulations to the people in Harcourt who now have a new community centre. The official opening was the afternoon of Saturday, May 19 with many attending for the ceremony. They have greatly missed their meeting place since a fire burned the former building to the ground. Best wishes for many good times that it will allow the people there to enjoy.

NOTICE
(Applicant – FORSYTH)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF A ROAD ALLOWANCE AND SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE ALONG THE SHORE OF BILLING'S LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOITCE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Wednesday, the 6th day of June, 2018**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance abutting Billing's Lake in front of Lot 31, Concession 8, designated as Road Allowance on Crown Land Survey attached to H24916, of the Township of Glamorgan, in the Township of Highlands East, in the County of Haliburton, as shown as Parts 1, 2 and 3, on a on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by **GREG BISHOP SURVEYING AND CONSULTING LTD., dated April 3, 2018.**

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, Solicitor or Agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this **15th day of May, 2018.**

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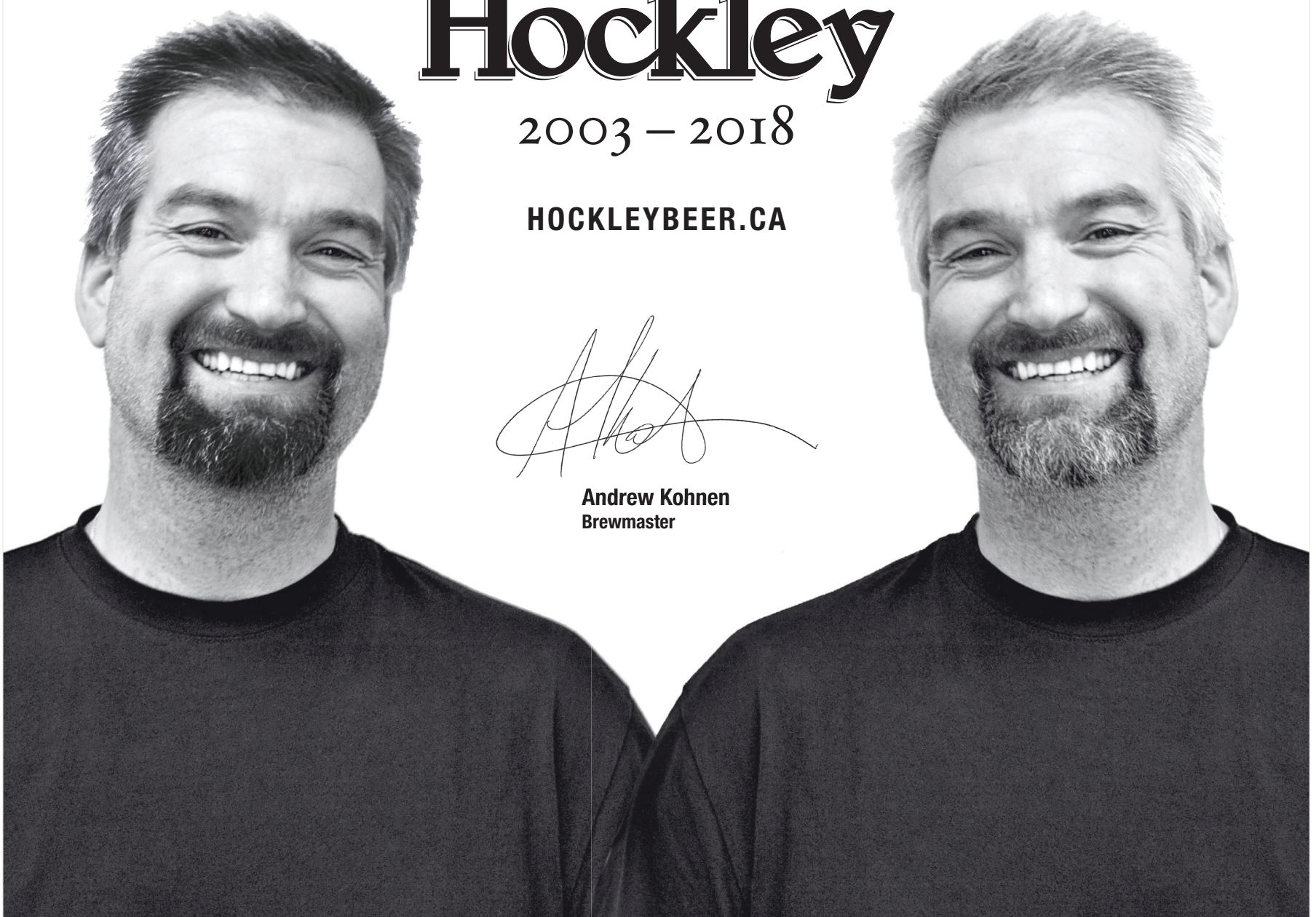
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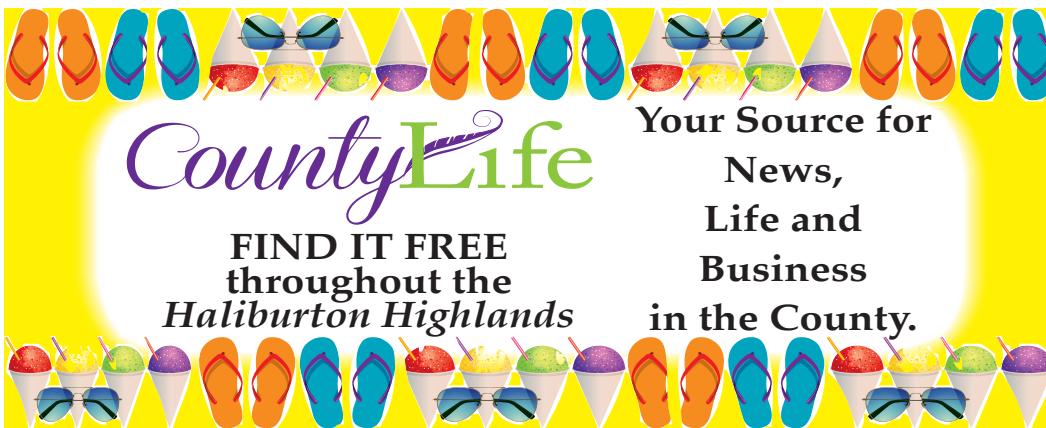
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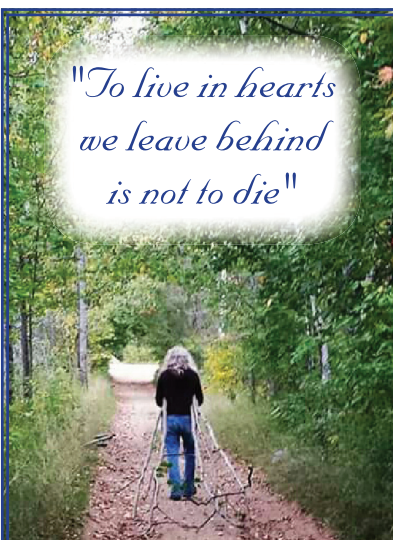
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In Loving Memory of Carl William Dugan

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Friday, May 18, 2018 with his loving family by his side. In his 94th year.

Husband of Lois Boice-Dugan. Dear father of Gloria (Fred) Sawyer, Freda (Bill) Davis, Carolyn Clark and Nancy French. Loving grandpa of Debbie (Shawn), James (Tracy), Edward (Linda), Sherry (Bill), Charlene, Daniel (Mari), Christopher, Crystal, Hailey, great grandpa of Nakeeta (Sebastian), T.J. (deceased), Brandon, Cayden, Edward, Jonathan, Carly, Heather (Cameron), Craig (Corrie) and great grandpa of Hunter and Lilly. Predeceased by his sisters Audrey Burke, Irma Little, by his brother Ross Dugan and by his former wife Helen Dugan (2007). Lovingly remembered by the Boice Family and also by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Tuesday from 2:00 until 5:00 pm and then on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Service to Celebrate Carl's Life at 1:00 pm. Interment at Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. Reception to follow at the West Guilford Community Centre.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.



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Track team flies high ...

Success at Kawartha: Haliburton high school track athletes turned in a number of impressive performances at the Kawartha District Track and Field championships at Fenelon Falls high school last Thursday. Above, from left: a Thomas A. Stewart competitor, Haliburton's Jessica Swan, Emily Brandon and Jordana Bain in the 80 m hurdles. For more see pages 12 and 13

Harris promises new campus for Sir Sandford in Haliburton

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Staff Reporter

In an unexpected statement that, by the look on his face, seemed to pleasantly surprise riding MPP Chris Hodgson, Premier Mike Harris said last week that expansion plans for Sir Sandford Fleming College have been approved under the Tory government's SuperBuild initiative.

The announcement came in front of more than 300 Conservative supporters who

packed the Admiral Inn's main ballroom in Lindsay last Thursday night. That number included the two rows of impeccably groomed youth dressed in oversized navy blue "Team Harris" T-shirts, sitting cross-legged, front and centre to the platform area Harris spoke from. Unlike other children involved with the Tories' campaign of late, their presence is attributed to parental involvement and not coercion by pizza, said one PC father at the event.

In discussing the Conserv-

atives' plan to modernize Ontario's colleges and universities, Harris said nearly \$750-million will be spent on the endeavor in 1999. Schools which have applied to the province for money will be considered in fund allocation. Sir Sandford has put in a request for \$5-million for a new campus on Head Lake in Haliburton.

Harris also talked about committing dollars to the expansion of Highway 35 to four lanes from the 115 to Lindsay. Again, this initiative would fall under

the SuperBuild fund's priority to build and renew roads across the province.

The SuperBuild fund is for a total of \$10-billion to be spent throughout the province over the next five years. In his speech, Harris said that \$2.9-billion of that fund would benefit Sir Sandford Fleming College and the Hwy 35 initiative.

A formal announcement about the Haliburton campus has yet to be made.

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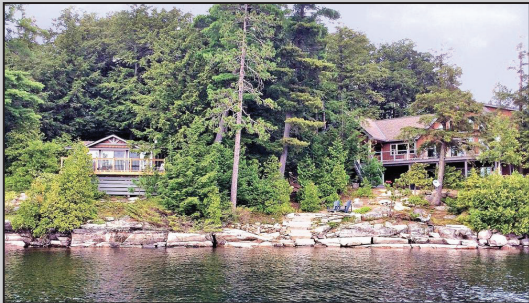
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